



# CHAPTER 26

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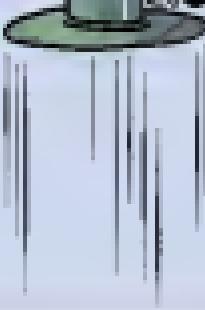
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CITIZENS OF  
CONCORD

CONCORD...



A woman with long, dark blue hair is shown from the chest up, looking out of a window. She is wearing a light-colored top. The window has a white frame and looks out onto a bright sky.

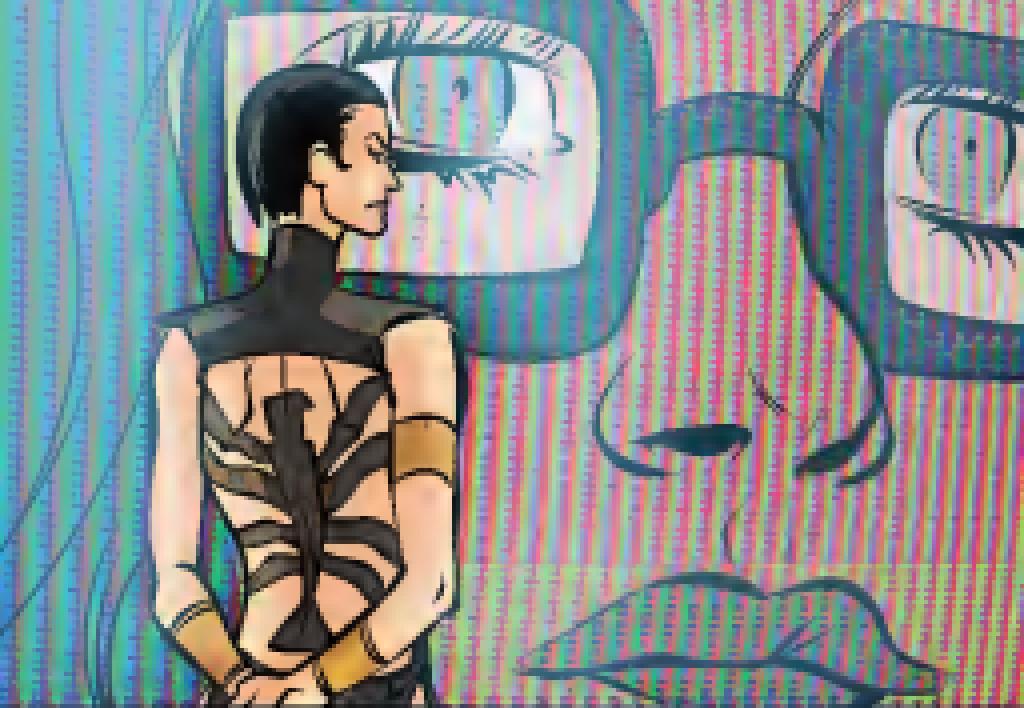
MY NAME  
IS HEATHER RANE.  
A VERY BRAVE, YOUNG  
GIRL TOLD ME RECENTLY  
THAT MANY OF YOU DO  
NOT KNOW WHO  
I AM.

FOR YEARS  
I THOUGHT I WAS  
DOING GOOD...THAT MY  
WORK WAS IMPORTANT. I  
THOUGHT I WAS HELPING  
TO REBUILD THIS NATION,  
WHEN I SERVED AS THE  
SECOND HAND TO  
GRACE HALL.



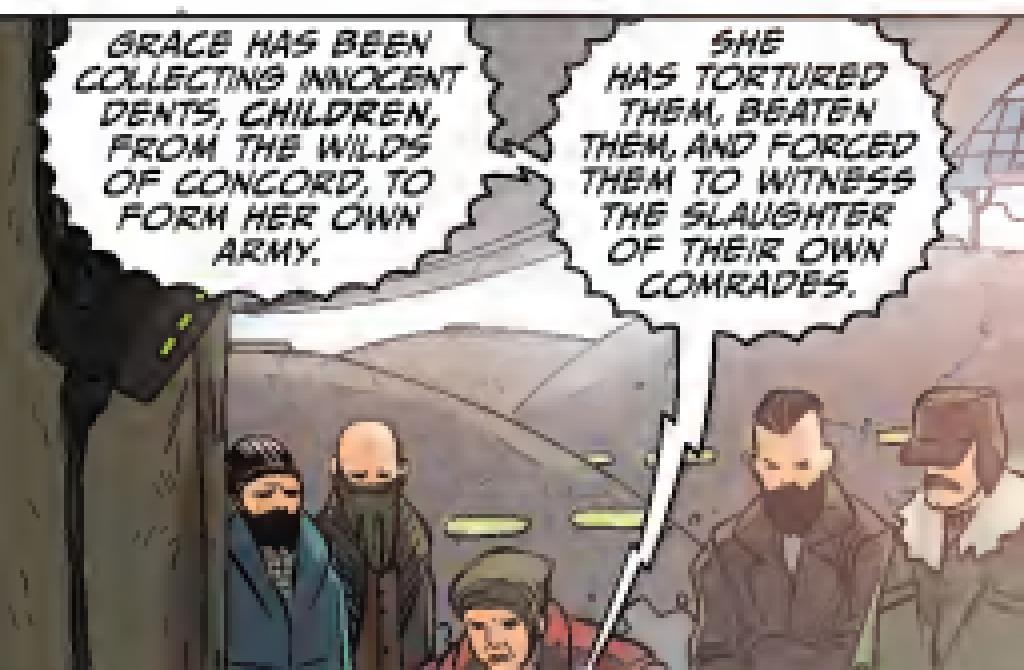


SHE IS NOT THE WOMAN  
YOU BELIEVE HER TO BE.  
SHE IS UNHINGED...EVIL. THE  
HORRORS I HAVE SEEN  
WITHIN THESE MINISTRY  
WALLS WILL HAUNT ME  
FOR THE REST OF  
MY LIFE.



WHICH... MAY  
NOT NOT BE VERY  
LONG AT ALL. HEAR ME...  
EVERYTHING YOU KNOW  
ABOUT DENTS IS A LIE.  
THEY ARE AS HUMAN AND  
AS CAPABLE OF GOOD  
AS YOU OR I. THE  
MENDING MUST  
BE STOPPED.





GRACE HAS BEEN  
COLLECTING INNOCENT  
DENTS, CHILDREN,  
FROM THE WILDS  
OF CONCORD, TO  
FORM HER OWN  
ARMY.

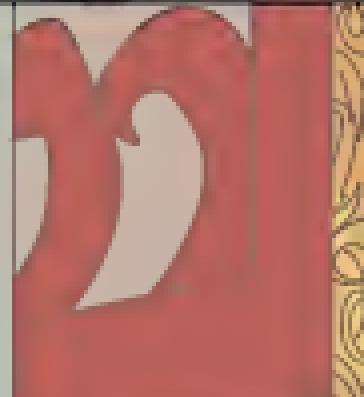
SHE  
HAS TORTURED  
THEM, BEATEN  
THEM, AND FORCED  
THEM TO WITNESS  
THE SLAUGHTER  
OF THEIR OWN  
COMRADES.



SHE  
DOES THIS  
UNTIL THEY ARE  
MONSTERS, LIKE  
HERSELF.



YOU ARE  
ALL IN DANGER.  
SHE WILL USE THIS  
ARMY AGAINST YOU.  
SHE DOESN'T WANT  
THIS NEW WORLD TO  
PROSPER AND GROW.  
SHE WANTS TO  
CONTROL IT...  
SHE...



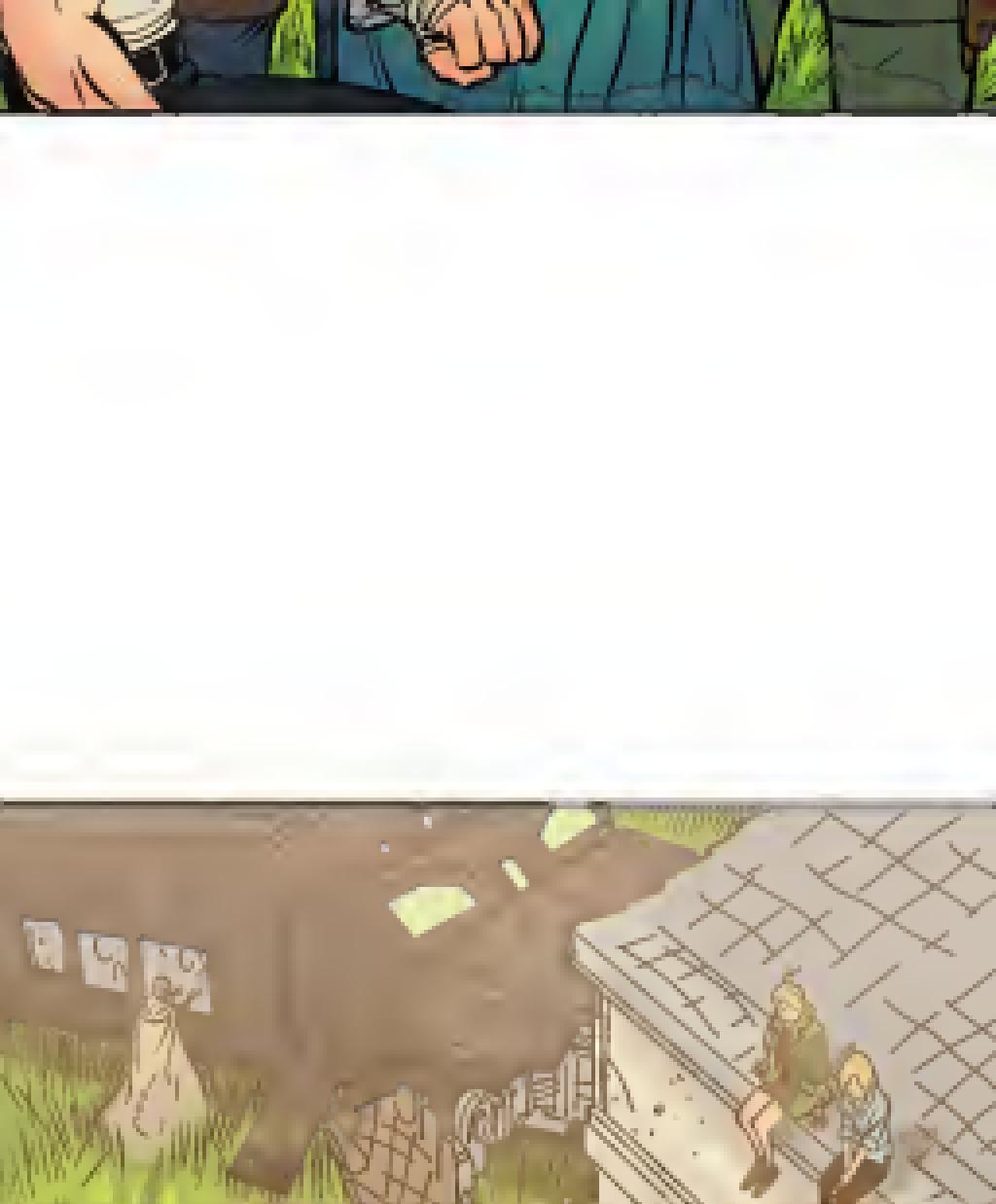






JESUS.

WE OWE  
HER OUR  
LIVES...





SHE'S  
TOUGH. SHE  
MAY GET OUT  
OF THERE.



I SHOULD  
HELP ALERIA  
COOL THE FUEL  
CELLS FOR  
THE JOURNEY  
HOME.

THANK YOU!

ADRIAN TOLD,  
DAVID.





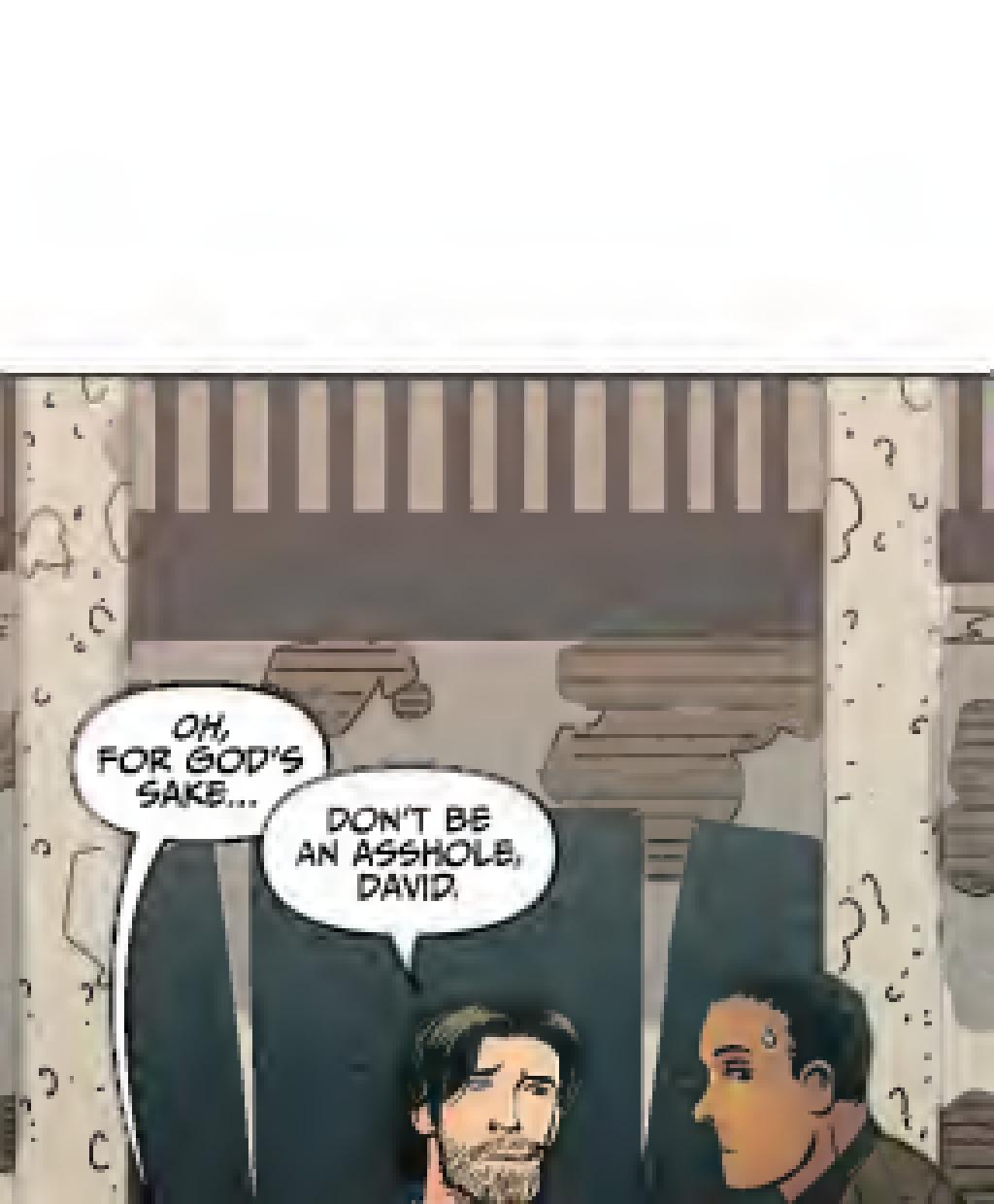
BOUT  
TIME SOME-  
ONE LIKE YOU  
CAME ALONG  
FOR HER.







WHAT ARE  
YOU TALKING  
ABOUT?



OH,  
FOR GOD'S  
SAKE...

DON'T BE  
AN ASSHOLE,  
DAVID.





I'VE  
BROUGHT  
YOU BANDAGES.  
FOR YOUR  
HEAD.

THANK  
YOU.



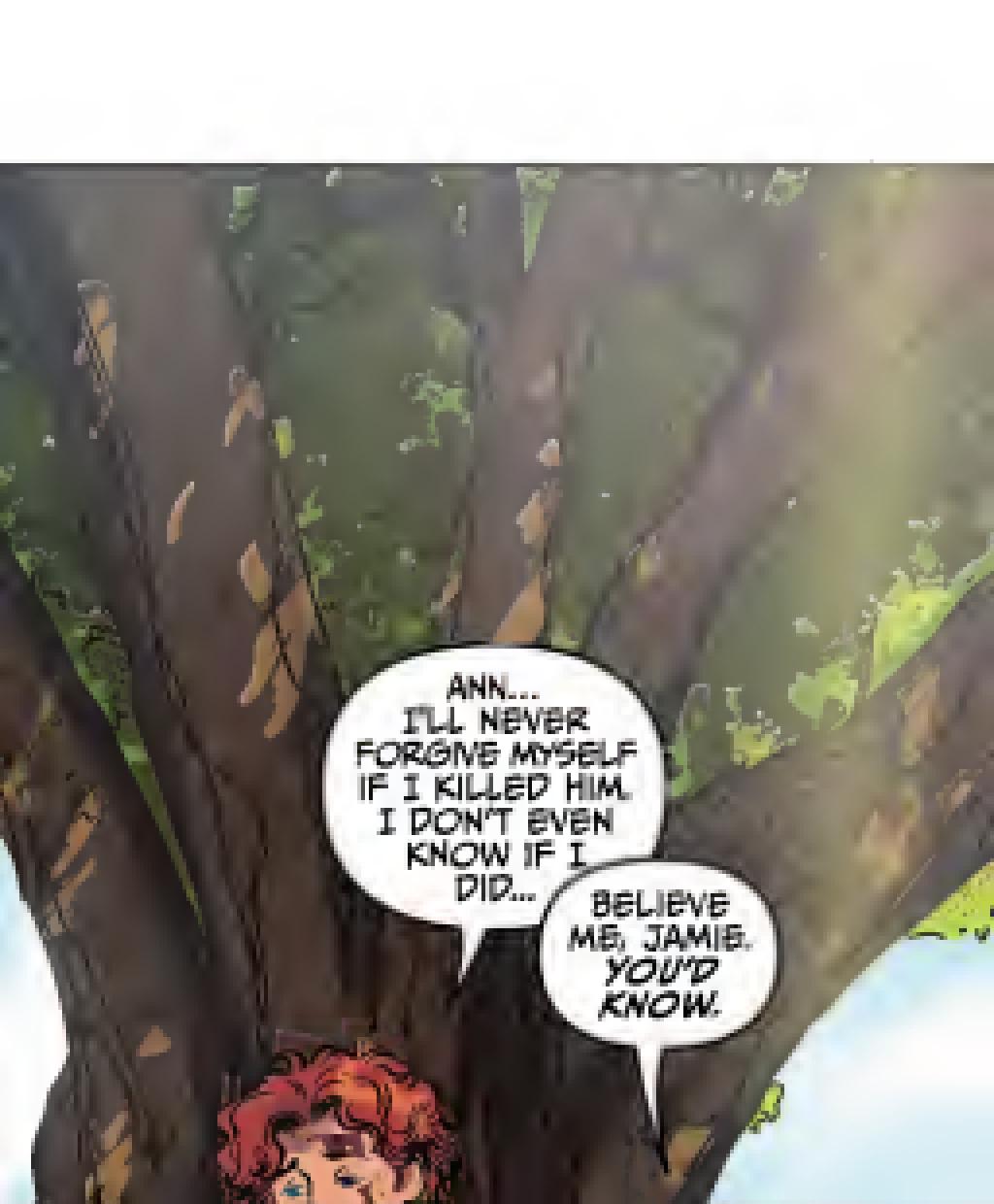
I KNOW  
YOU HATE ME. YOU  
HAVE EVERY REASON



TO. I COULD NEVER  
ASK YOU TO FORGIVE  
ME FOR THE THINGS  
I'VE DONE.

...YOU DID  
THE RIGHT THING  
BACK THERE. I DON'T  
THINK I WOULD HAVE  
BEEN ABLE TO  
DO THAT.





ANN...  
I'LL NEVER  
FORGIVE MYSELF  
IF I KILLED HIM.  
I DON'T EVEN  
KNOW IF I  
DID...

BELIEVE  
ME, JAMIE.  
YOU'D  
KNOW.





SO...  
YOU AND  
JAMIE...?

UH, YEAH.  
WE'RE GOING

WE'VE TAUGHT  
EACH OTHER A  
LOT... I THINK I MAY  
HAVE TAUGHT HIM A  
BIT MORE. OH GOD,  
YOU AND COLIN  
AREN'T...?

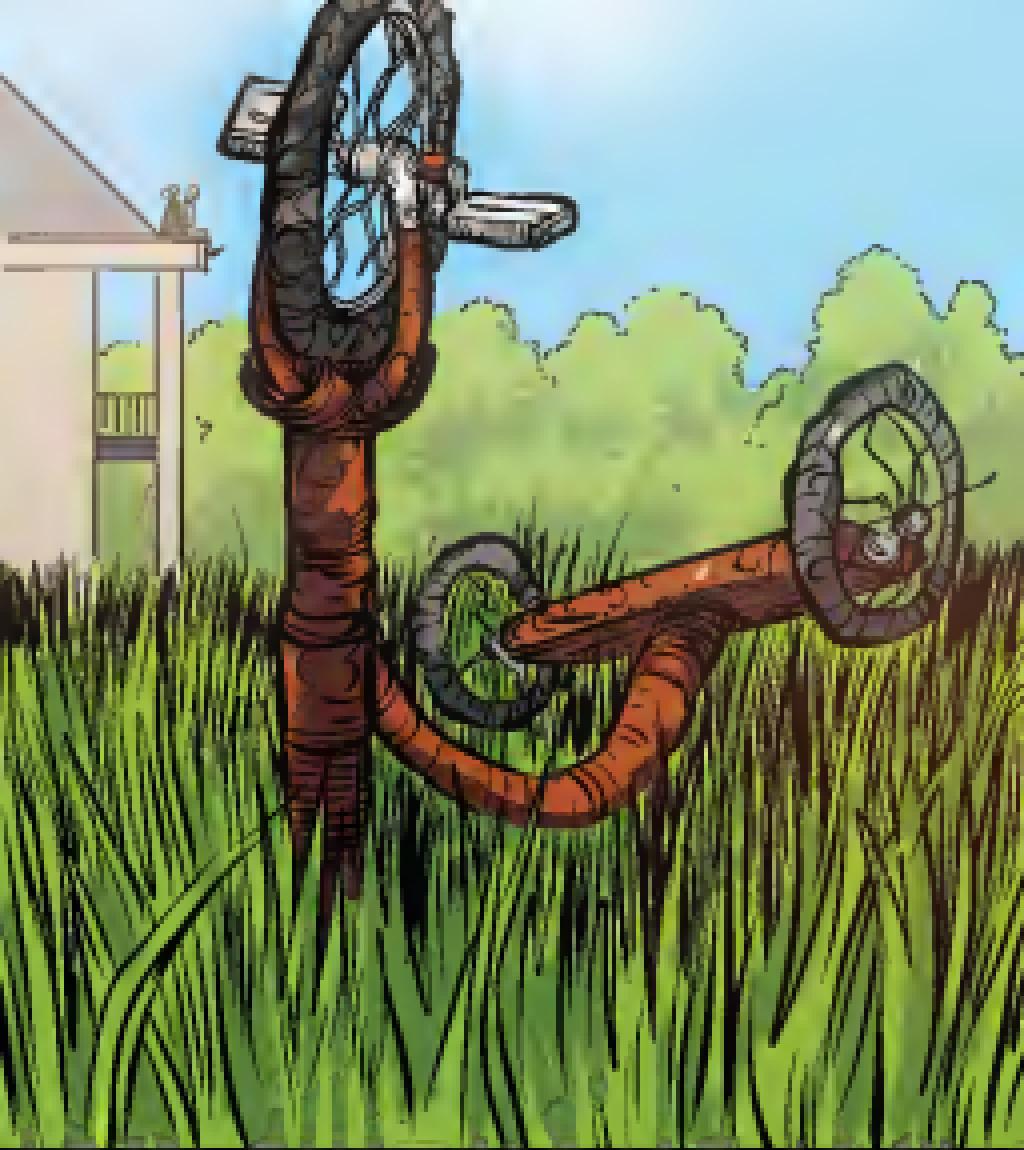


NO. THANK  
GOD. THAT WOULD  
BE...NO. WE'RE  
FRIENDS. CLOSE  
FRIENDS.

I STILL FEEL THINGS,  
ELEANOR. EVERYTHING  
I'VE BEEN THROUGH  
HAUNTS ME. AND THE  
OTHERS? I DON'T  
REALLY KNOW HOW TO  
JUST LEAVE THEM  
BEHIND.

WE  
WON'T. WE'LL  
GO BACK  
FOR THEM.

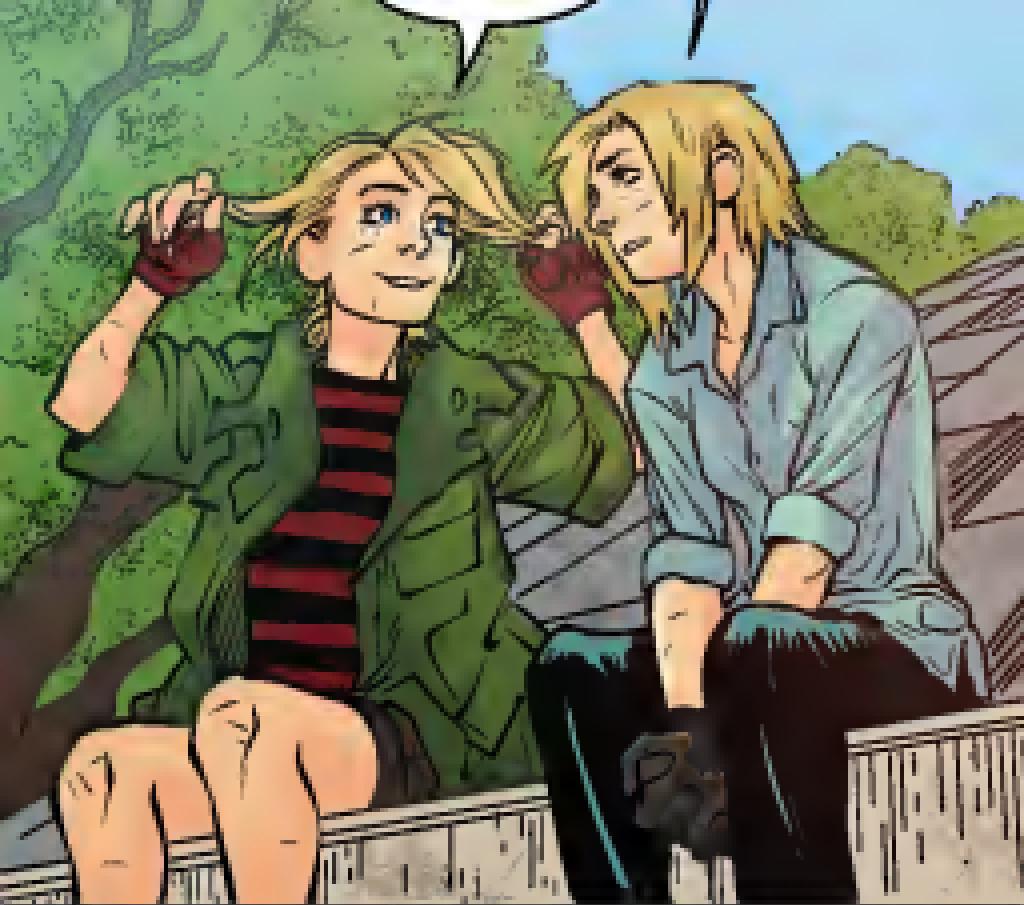






...DO WE  
LOOK A LOT  
LIKE THEM? MOM  
AND DAD? I'VE  
ALWAYS TO  
KNOW.

OH...YEAH.  
MOM'S NOSE.  
DAD'S EYES...  
AND HIS BIG  
BARS.





THEY  
DID WHAT  
THEY COULD  
TO KEEP US  
BOTH ALIVE.

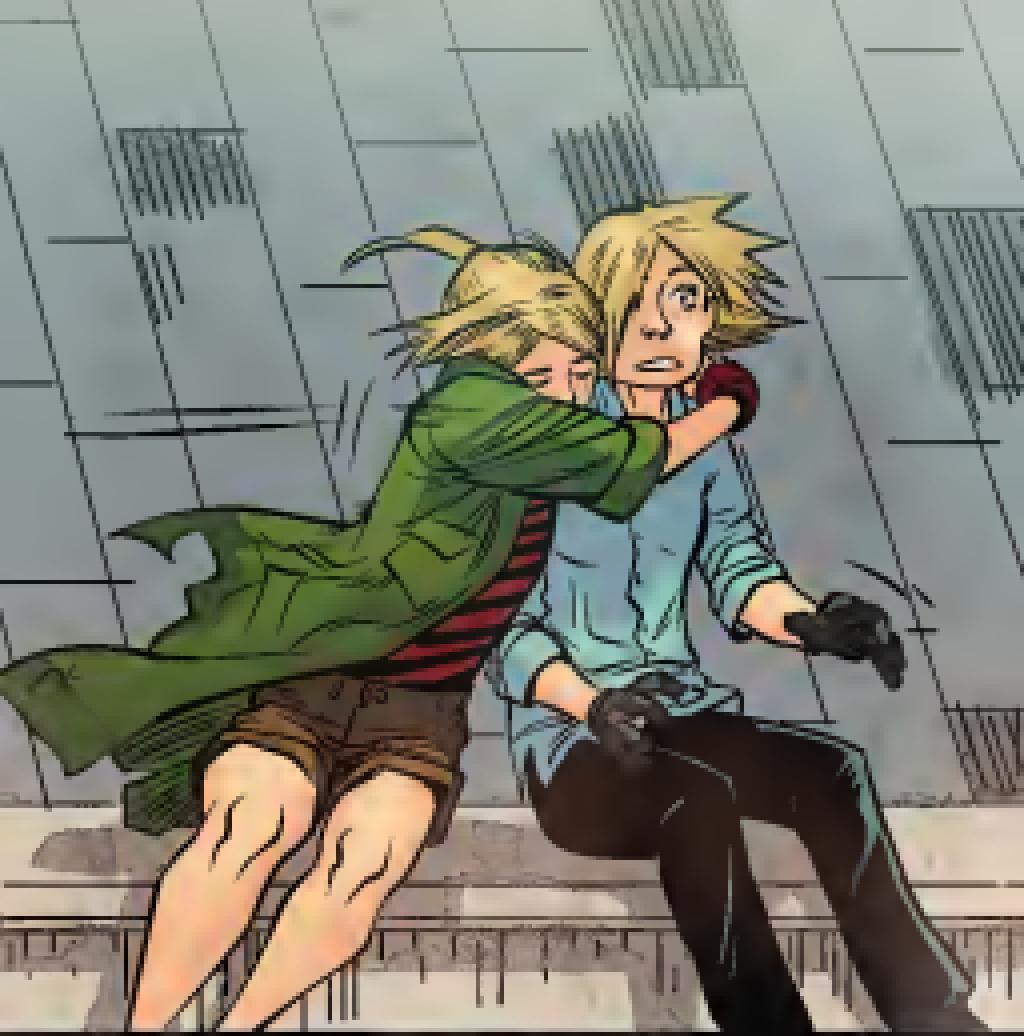


MY LIFE...  
OUR LIVES...HAVE  
ALWAYS BEEN ABOUT  
SURVIVAL. IF THAT'S  
WHAT OUR PARENTS  
WANTED FOR US, THEN  
WE SHOULDN'T LET  
THEM DOWN.

THEM DOWN.

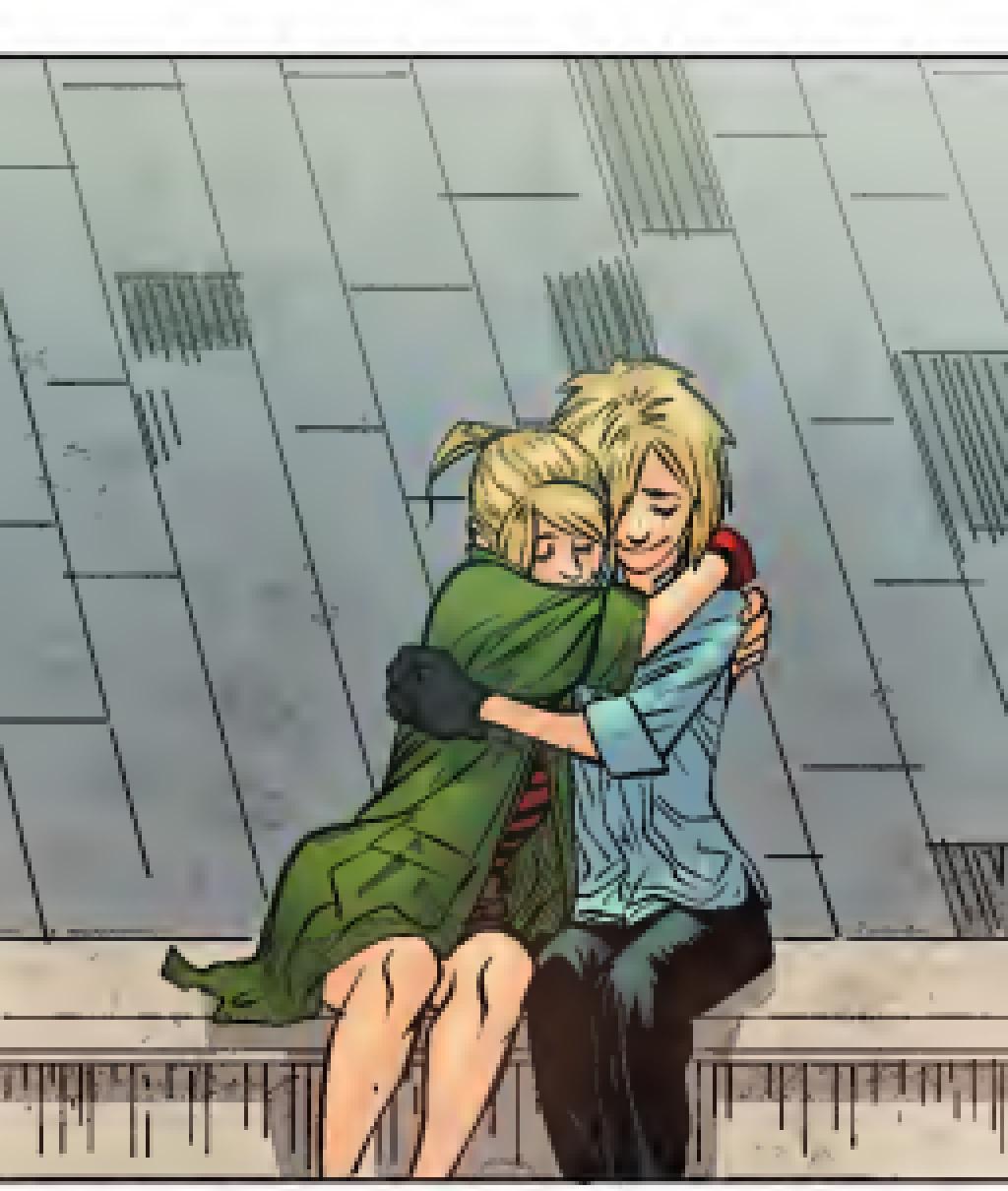


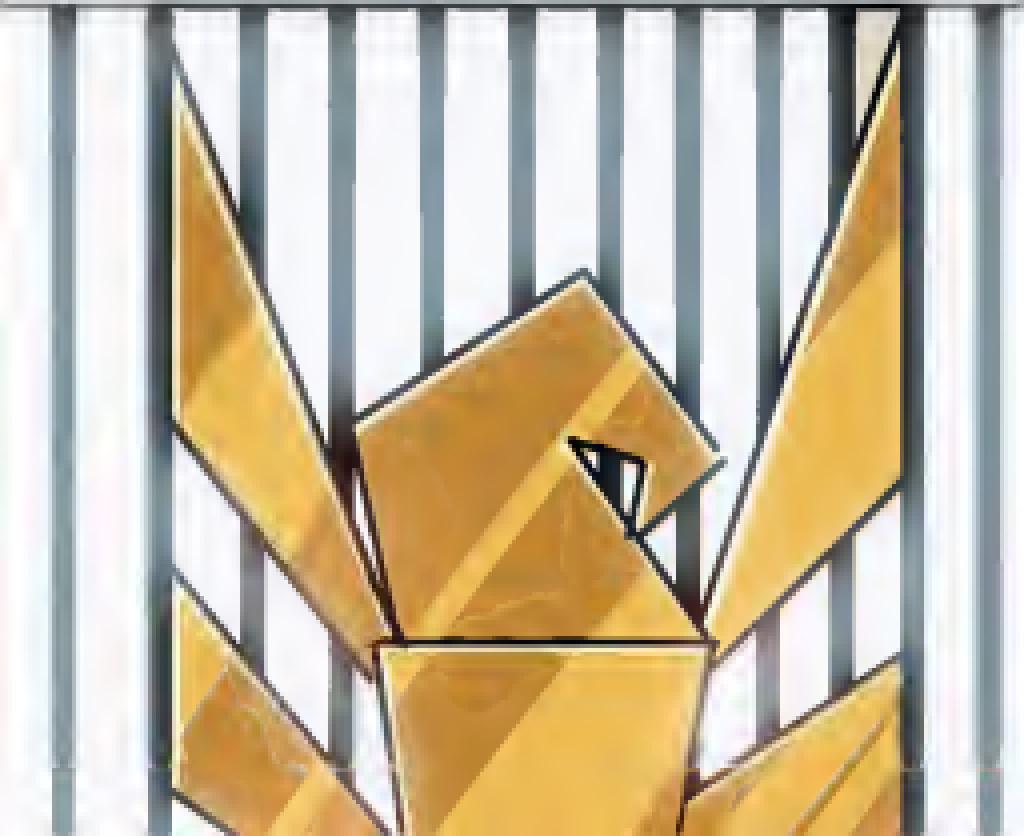














WHAT



YOU WITNESSED  
TODAY IS EXACTLY  
THE KIND OF CHAOS  
THAT IS PLAGUING  
OUR NEW  
WORLD!

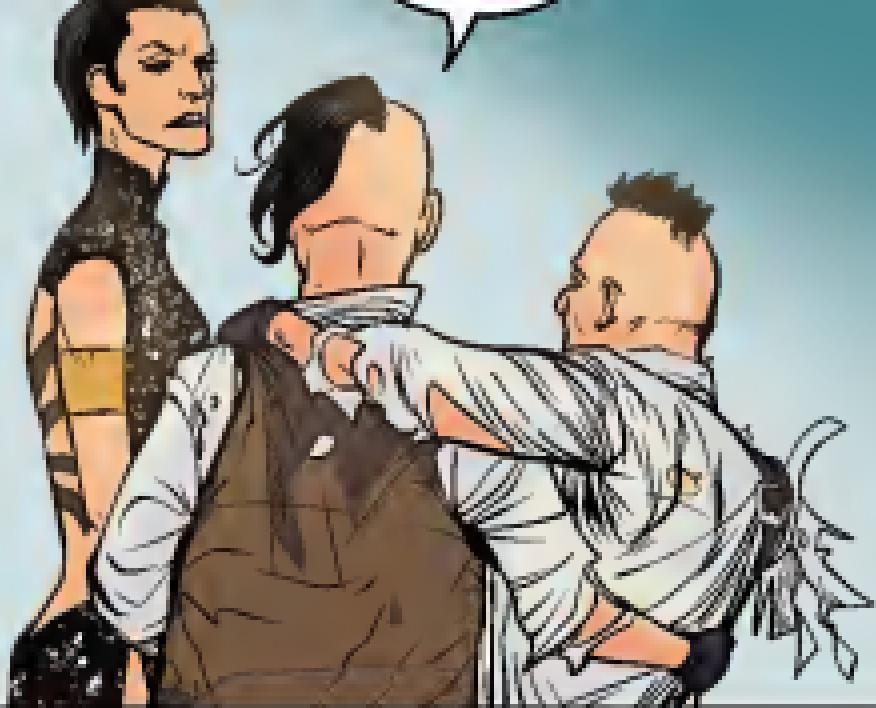
THIS  
RECKLESS  
REBELLION WILL  
ONLY GROW. YOU  
ARE THE ONLY  
ONES CAPABLE OF  
STIPLING IT.





YOU'RE  
LATE.

WE HAD  
A BIT OF  
TROUBLE ON  
THE WAY  
HERE.





I SEE...  
UNFORTUNATE  
THAT YOU WOULD  
LET THAT HAPPEN  
TO YOURSELF,  
FISHER.



EXCUSE  
ME?



SURELY  
YOU'LL BE FAR  
WEAKER NOW.  
ONE HAND? HALF  
THE POWER? YOU'RE  
PRACTICALLY  
USELESS TO ME.



GUARDS!  
KILL HIM.







DID YOU  
NOT HEAR  
ME? KILL  
HIM!



YOU MAY  
BE SURPRISED  
AT WHERE YOUR  
MILITIA'S LOYALTY  
LIES, MS. HALL.

I THINK  
WE OWE YOU  
AN EXPLANATION.  
WHAT DO YOU  
THINK, FISHER?

BETTER  
TIME THAN  
EVER,  
NICK.







DID YOU REALLY

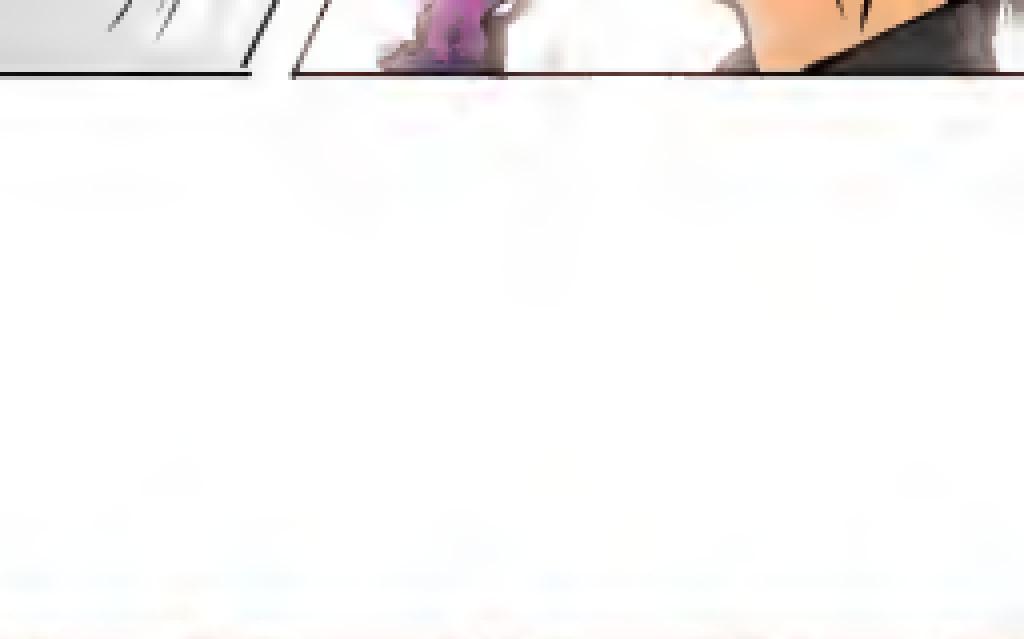


BELIEVE THAT WE  
WERE YOUR LITTLE  
PETS ALL THESE  
YEARS?

THAT YOUR  
MIND GAMES  
WORKED ON US?  
YOU WERE ALWAYS  
THE POWERLESS  
ONE, GRACE.

SO QUICK  
TO TRUST US AS  
YOU GAVE US OUR  
FREEDOM...  
PROTECTION...THE  
MINISTRY...







AND  
NOW...OUR  
ARMY.

